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| Applicant: | HAGIHARA et al.         | Conf.:    | 2832              |
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| For:       | ROLL-OFF REDUCING AGENT |           |                   |

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P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 31, 2003, please consider the following remarks.